



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Linda A. Akers was appointed to the bench in 1996 and immediately began her tenure as a judge in the Civil Department where she served until May 1998. She next presided over a criminal calendar and is now assigned to Family Court. Judge Akers received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1971 and Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from Texas Tech University. She was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in October 1975 and began her practice as an Assistant City Attorney in San Antonio, Texas. In 1976, she moved to Nebraska and was admitted to the State Bar of Nebraska. From 1976 to 1980 she practiced as a Tax Specialist at the Nebraska Department of Revenue and later as a Nebraska Assistant Attorney General. In November 1980, she moved to Arizona and following admission to the State Bar of Arizona in 1981, she served as an Arizona Assistant Attorney General from 1981 to 1986 in the Criminal Appeals and Organized Crime and Racketeering Sections. She then became Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Arizona in the Criminal Division. In 1990, she was named to head the Appellate Division. Later, in 1990, President George Bush appointed her United States Attorney for the District of Arizona. While serving three years as U.S. Attorney, she served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, including duties as chairperson of the Indian Affairs Subcommittee. In 1994 she went into private practice and opened the Phoenix office of the New York based law firm of Anderson, Kill & Olick.



Judge Akers currently serves on the U.S. District Court Gender Equality Task Force. From 1994 to 1996, she was Chairperson of the Arizona Juvenile Justice State Advisory Committee and served on the National Board of Directors of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. From 1996 to 1997, she served as President of the Lorna Lockwood Inn of Court, American Inns of Court.